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SUBJECT: REALLOCATION OF SECURITY POSITIONS

REF: (A) SANA 1360, (B) STATE 060581

1. RSS GARRETT WAS IN SANA FROM APRIL 2-5 TO MEASURE IMPACT ON POST RESULTING FROM THE LOSS OF BOTH THE RSO POSITION AND SY SECRETARIAL SLOT. THE FOLLOWING MAJOR FUNCTIONS WILL FALL TO THE ADMIN OFFICER (PSO):

A) CONTRACT GUARD PROGRAM AT CHANCER, USIS AND THE LARGE USAID COMPOUND, AND RESIDENCES.

B) YARG SECURITY GUARDS.

C) AMBASSADOR'S PROTECTIVE DETAIL

D) INVESTIGATION, CLASSIFIED RECORD CHECKS, CERTIFICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT.

E) SY BRIEFINGS AND INTERVIEWS

F) DIRECT SUPERVISION OF MSG PROGRAM

G) COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN PSO AND RSO JIDDA AND TSO ATHENS.

H) REACTION TO THREATS, EMERGENCIES AND ALERTS.

I) MAINTENANCE OF SY FILES AND CORRESPONDENCE.

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2. WHILE THE ABOVE DO NOT DIFFER FROM USUAL FUNCTIONS OF ANY PSO, THEY DO ADD A SIGNIFICANT BURDEN TO A POSITION THAT ALREADY HAS MANY RESPONSIBILITIES. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE SY PROGRAM IN SANA WILL DETERIORATE UNLESS THERE IS SOME RELIEF.

3. THE RSS IS FULLY AWARE OF THE USUAL REQUESTS FROM POSTS FOR ADDITIONAL SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE. IN CASE OF SANA, IT IS MOST VALID AND WOULD GO FAR IN ALLEVIATING THE PROBLEMS CREATED BY LOSS OF THE RSO SLOT. THE AMERICAN SECRETARY WOULD BE ABLE TO HANDLE THE SCHEDULING AND REPORTING OF CLASSIFIED RECORD CHECKS AND ROUTINE INQUIRIES; MAINTAINANCE OF CLASSIFIED AND SENSITIVE FILES AND CORRESPONDENCE; ASSIST IN RECORDING AND PROCESSING VIOLATIONS; AS WELL AS PERFORM A MYRIAD OF DUTIES FOR THE PSO IN BOTH THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND SY AREAS. THAT POSITION WOULD ALSO PROVIDE CONTINUITY DURING ABSENCES OF THE PSO.

4. AS MENTIONED IN REFTTEL (A) POST WILL HAVE TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS TO MAINTAIN THE EXCELLENT CONTACTS ESTABLISHED WITH YAR SECURITY FORCES AND THEIR CID. WITH LOSS OF RSO, THIS BECOMES CRUCIAL IN OBTAINING CRITICAL SUPPORT FOR THE MISSION. THESE CONTACTS TAKE TIME AND ATTENTION.

5. AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE SY PROGRAM IN JIDDA IS EXPANDING IN SAUDI ARABIA. CURRENTLY THE INVESTIGATIVE PROGRAM IN DHAHRAN AREA INVOLVING MOSTLY CONTRACT EMPLOYEES CANNOT BE PROPERLY HANDLED BY THE RSO. WE ARE EXPLORING ALL POSSIBILITIES FOR SEEKING RELIEF FROM THIS BURDEN. THE PROJECTED NUMBER OF AMERICANS WORKING AND LIVING IN THE KINGDOM IS STAGGERING. THE EXPANSION OF THE EMBASSY LIAISON OFFICE IN RIYADH IS IN INITIAL PLANNING STAGES. SEVERAL SY PROJECTS INVOLVING MINIMUM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SECURITY STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS -- CHANCERY BUILDING; CONSULAR/VISA SECTION; MAIN GATE, ARE STARTED. THE RSO JIDDA HAS JUST ARRIVED AT POST.

6. ALL PERSONNEL DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY AFFECTED BY ABOLISHMENT OF THE RSO SANA POSITION WANT TO DO THEIR JOB -- BUT IT TAKES HELP. IF NOT, IT CANNOT BE REALISTICALLY ACCOMPLISHED.

7. I CAN APPRECIATE THE CONSTRAINTS IMPOSED ON OVERSEAS STAFFING FOR SY PERSONNEL AND RECOGNIZE THE PRIORITIES WHICH YOU MUST FACE IN SHIFTING LIMITED RESOURCES. EVEN SO, I STRONGLY URGE YOUR SUPPORT ON THE REQUEST TO RETAIN A SECRETARIAL POSITION IN SANA FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE PSO.
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